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STORAGE DEPOTS NEAR SAN-SHIH-LI-PAO, CHINA



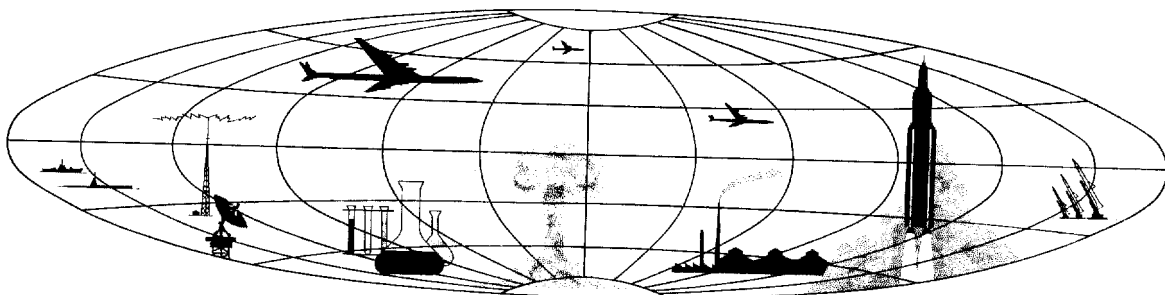
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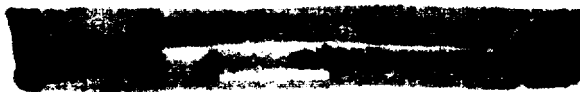


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STORAGE DEPOTS NEAR SAN-SHIH-LI-PAO, CHINA

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NPIC TARGET NO: None

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Two unique storage depots, built since 1951, are located approximately 2 nm east of San-shih-li-pao, China (Figure 1). Both sites are accessible by road only; the nearest railroad is 1.5 nm

to the north. Although the installations are adjacent (Figure 2), there is not necessarily a functional relationship between them. The entrance to Depot A (Figure 3) is at the SE corner of the compound where a road from the south enters the secured area. The entrance to Depot B (Figure 3) is at the north end of the compound where a road from the NE enters the secured area.

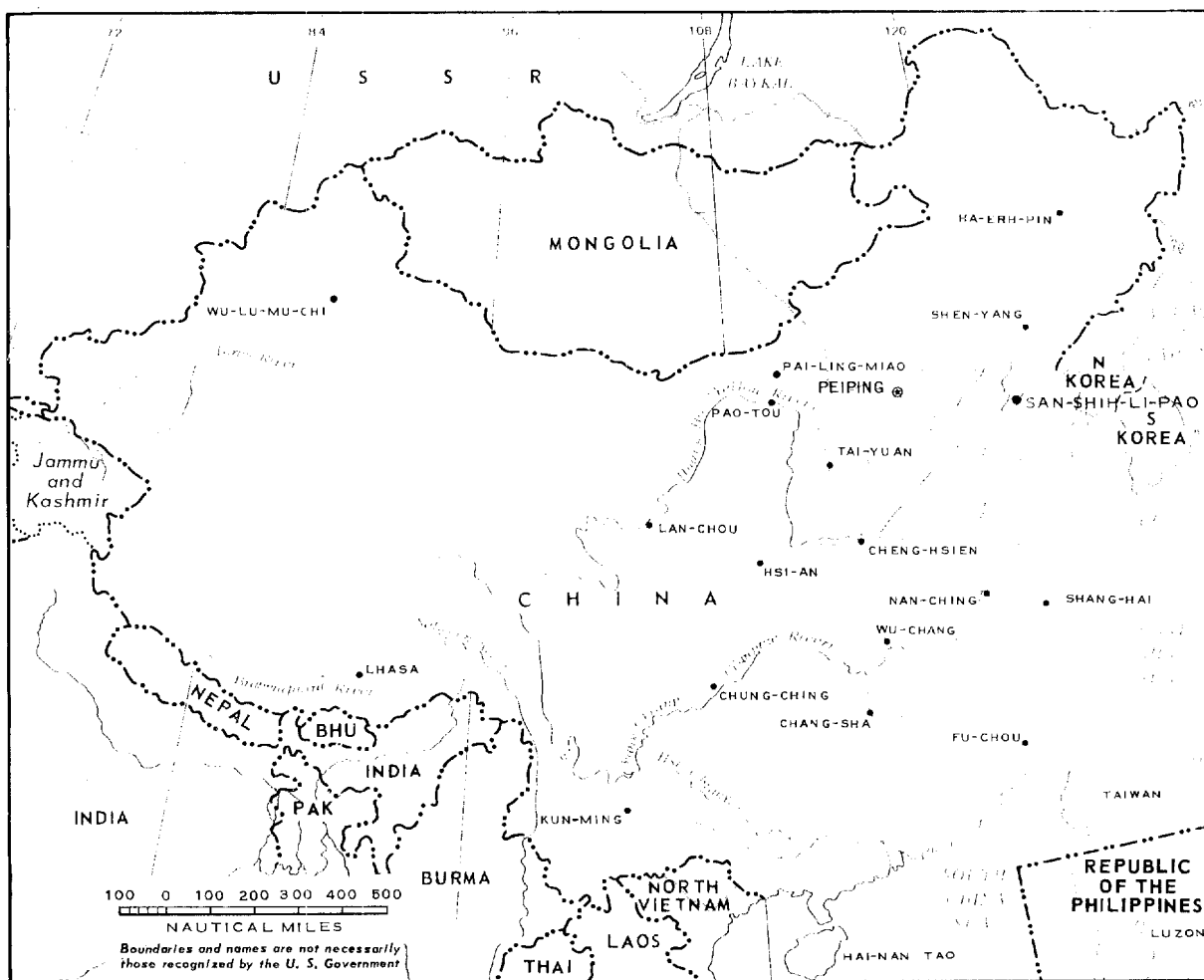


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF STORAGE DEPOTS NEAR SAN-SHIH-LI-PAO, CHINA.

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STORAGE DEPOT A

Storage Depot A consists of four buildings, one buried tank, and one tower. The buried tank is probably used for water supply purposes, and the tower is probably utilized by sentries. Three

small storage buildings are located outside the secured area.

Storage Buildings. Three very deeply re-vetted storage buildings (items 1, 2, and 3, Fig-

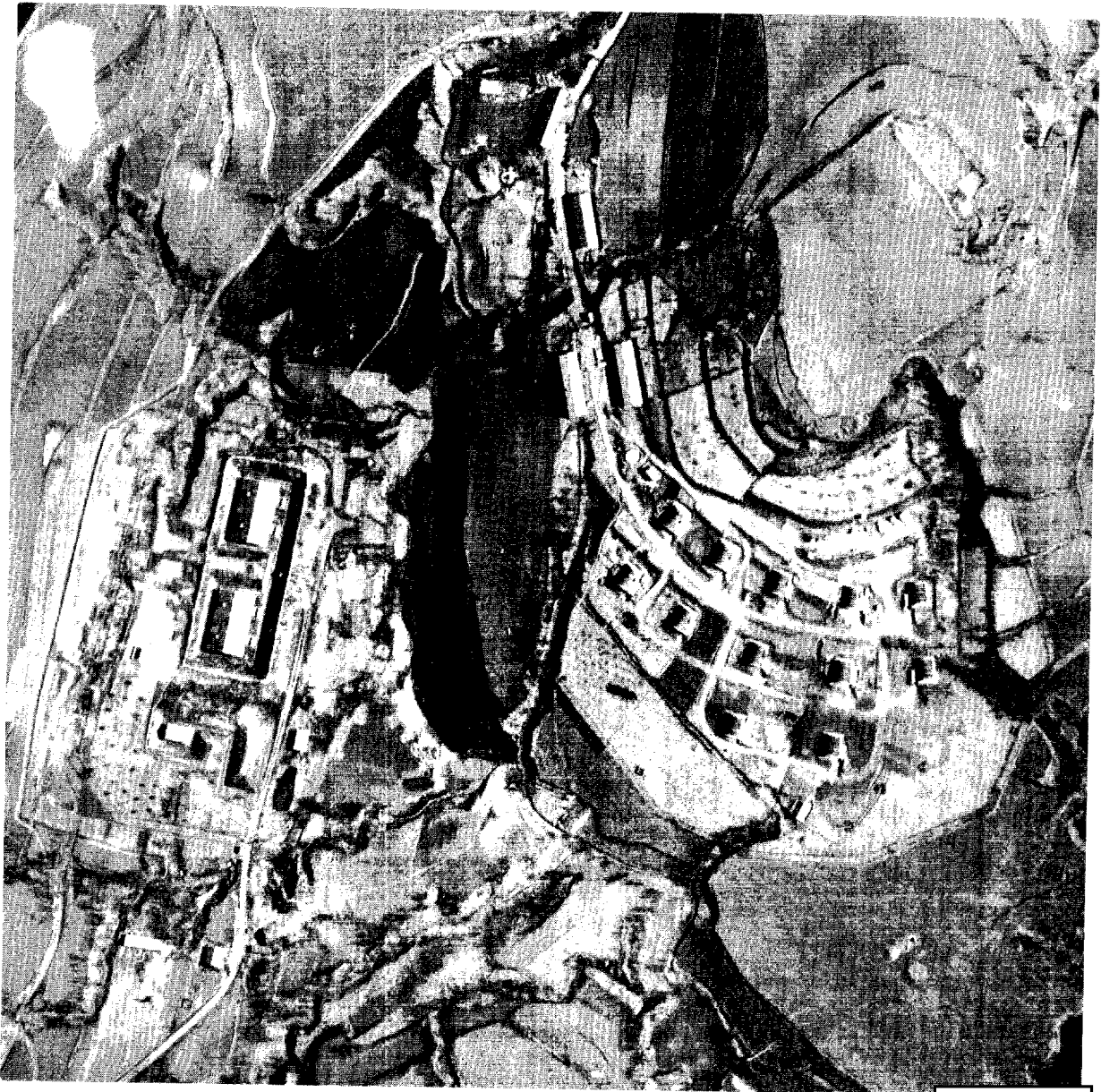


FIGURE 2. STORAGE DEPOTS NEAR SAN-SHIH-LI-PAO, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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ure 3) are located in the secured area. Figure 4 presents perspective views of these three structures.

Buildings 1 and 2, both measuring approximately 100 x 55 ft, are completely enclosed by a high revetment in addition to their location in a

cutback. As a result, the tops of the earth embankments are at the same level as, or a little higher than, the eaves of the buildings. There is also a transverse revetment between the structures. The only access to these two buildings is

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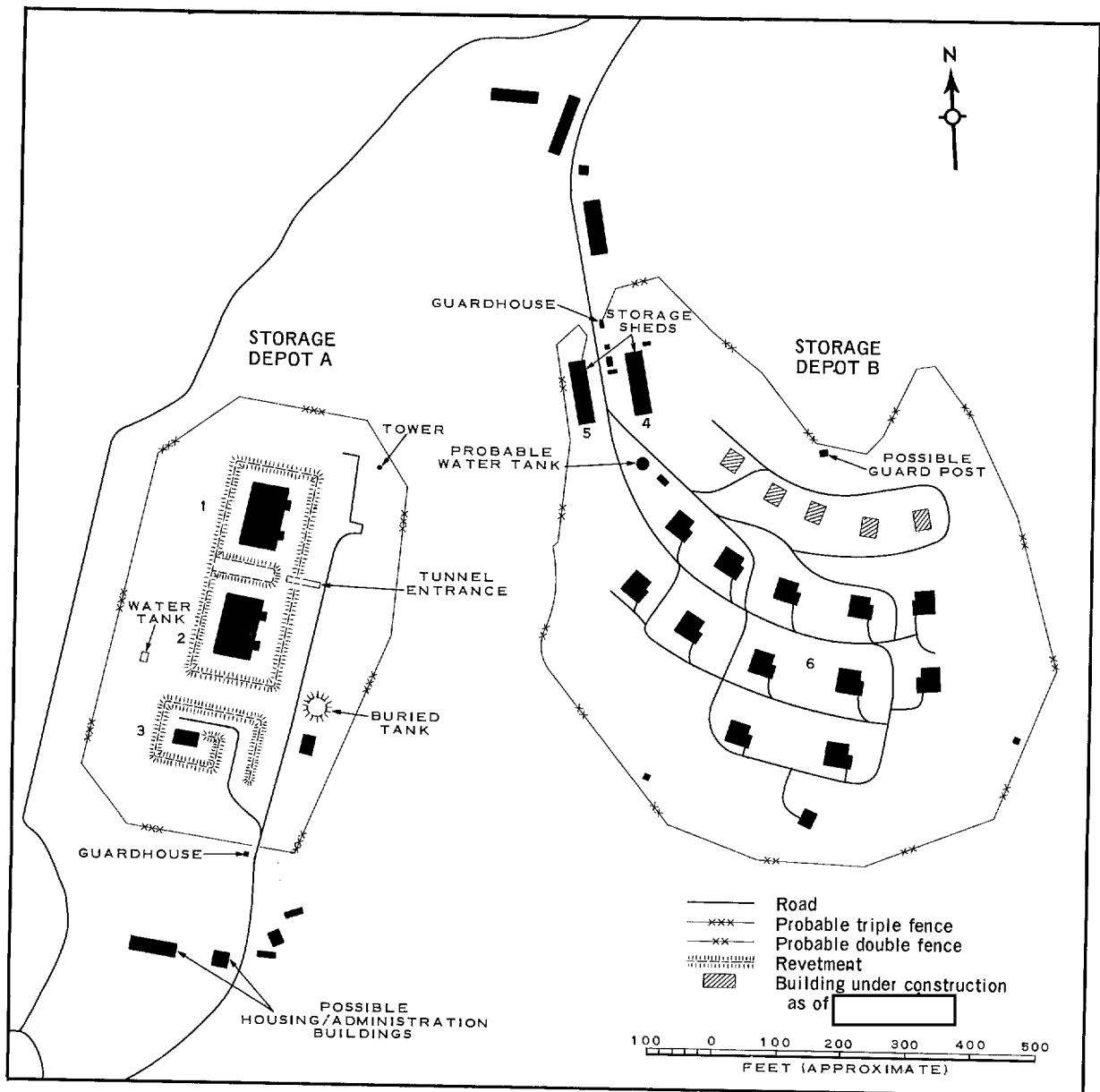


FIGURE 3. STORAGE DEPOTS A AND B.

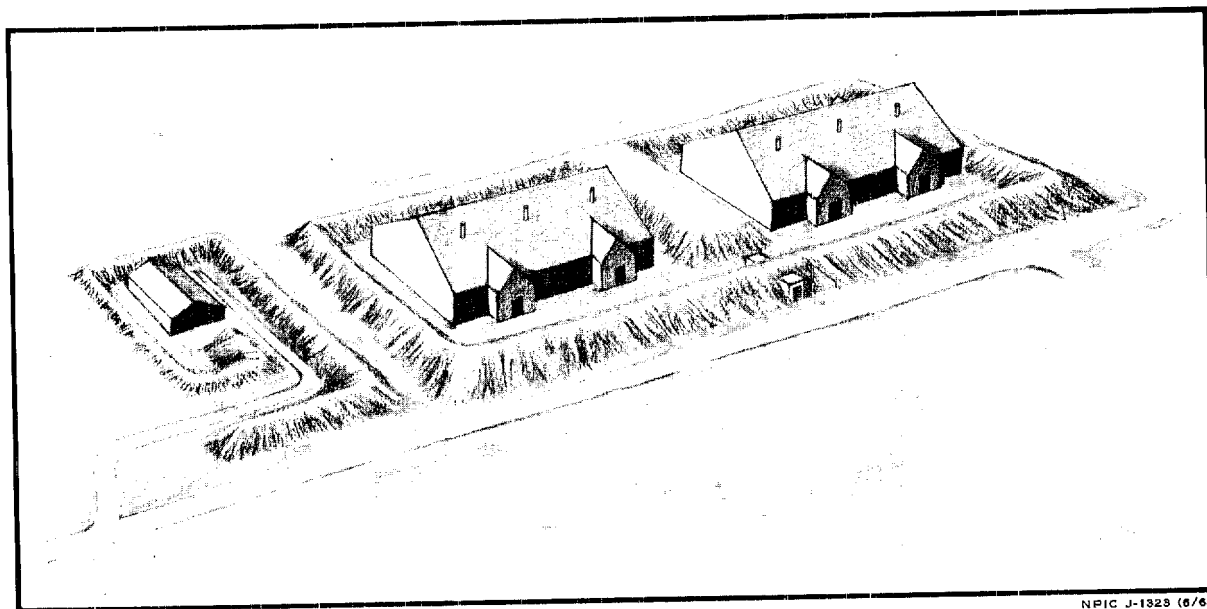
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FIGURE 4. PERSPECTIVE VIEWS, STORAGE BUILDINGS AT DEPOT A.

[redacted] A large dormer projects over each of the two entrances on the east side of each building. There are three pipe vents on the east side of each roof, and two small dormers and three pipe vents are on the opposite side of each roof.

The third storage building (item 3, Figure 3), which measures approximately 40 x 30 ft, is so deeply revetted that the entire building is below grade. The revetment wraps completely around the building, but it is so designed that the building is accessible by means of a road about

[redacted] (Figure 4). This structure is gable roofed and has no visible ventilating devices.

Security. The secured area is approximately 680 x 385 ft and is enclosed by a probable triple fence. A small guardhouse is located at the SE corner of the compound where the road enters, and a tower located in the NE corner is probably a watch tower from which the entire depot could be observed.

Housing and Administration. Two buildings that may serve as housing and administrative quarters are located immediately south of the secured area.

STORAGE DEPOT B

Storage Depot B consists of 2 large storage sheds, a guardhouse, a large probable water tank, 17 unusual storage buildings, a possible guard post, and several small miscellaneous structures. Features typical of the 17 storage buildings can be seen in a perspective view (Figure 5).

Storage Facilities. The storage sheds (items 4 and 5, Figure 3) each measure approximately 105 x 30 ft. One of the sheds was complete and the other was under construction in

[redacted] the second shed was complete by

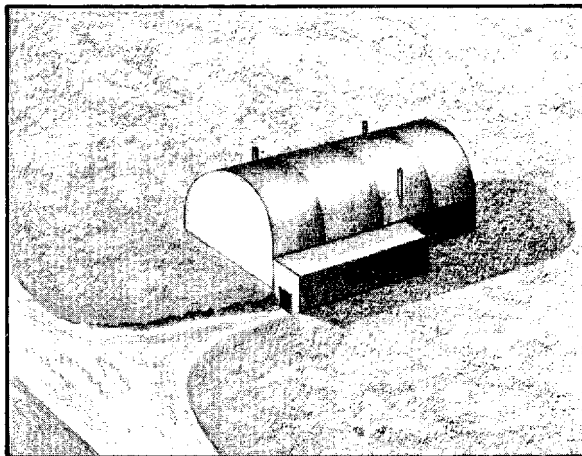
The 17 storage buildings (item 6, Figure 3)

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FIGURE 5. PERSPECTIVE VIEW, STORAGE BUILDING AT DEPOT B.

are essentially similar. Construction of five of these buildings was begun after [] and the other 12 were complete at that time; by late [] four of the buildings under construction were nearly complete and the walls had been raised for the fifth.

These storage buildings appear to have thick, possibly double walls, with the floor levels at or a little below grade. Each building measures approximately 35 x 25 ft, appears to have an arched roof, and has a low, rectangular flat-roofed structure measuring about []

attached to one side. There are apparently three pipe vents on the roof of each building; one is nearly centered on the same side as and adjacent to the end of the attached rectangular structure, and the other two are on the opposite side.

The approach to each storage building is an inclined ramp leading down to the end of the 20-[] attached structure; the entrance is probably within the attached structure and through the side of the storage building. The downward-inclined ramp suggests that the buildings may have cellars where materials could be stored at relatively constant temperatures without requiring air-conditioning equipment.

Security. The irregularly shaped site, which measures about 920 ft north-south and about 690 ft east-west, is enclosed by a probable double fence. There is a guardhouse at the entrance to the secured area, and a possible guard post is located near the north fence line in a position that overlooks the whole depot.

Housing and Administration. There is no housing and administration area as such associated with storage Depot B. The first barracks-type building north of the secured area could conceivably be used as a housing unit, but it is more likely to be a storage building for agricultural products.

CONCLUSIONS

Although the specific materials stored in the subject facilities are not known, the following conclusions may be drawn from the photographic evidence:

1. Access to the storage buildings in both depots is unusual: [] of Depot A and, in Depot B, down a ramp, through the small attached structure, and probably into

the side of the storage building itself. In both instances only relatively small items could conveniently be handled and stored.

2. Both depots are heavily secured, and each has an observation post from which the entire depot could be kept under surveillance.

3. The storage buildings at Depot A are exceptionally heavily revetted, suggesting the stor-

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age of highly sensitive explosive materials.

4. The small size, peculiar construction, and unusual entrances to the storage buildings at Depot B suggest that they were designed to provide a relatively constant temperature environment for the stored materials.

5. Depot B was undergoing active expansion during the summer of [REDACTED]

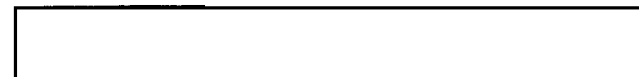
6. These storage depots do not resemble any other known storage facilities in China.



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